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Welcome to the Information Resource Center (IRC)

The Information Resource Center (IRC) of the U.S. Embassy in Laos is a specialized reference and research facility. Our goal is to provide you with free, accurate, up-to-date information about American politics and government, economics, trade, foreign affairs, defense, education and culture, as well as on global concerns such as narcotics trafficking and protection of the environment.

The IRC staff, equipped with modern information technology, can help retrieve information that you need quickly and conveniently.

The IRC is open to the general public free of charge, and welcomes visits by government officials, academics, journalists, and students. If you need information on the United States, please contact us by phone, fax, mail or E-mail. (see the back of this brochure for contact information)

Reference Books

The IRC has a non-circulating reference collection of approximately 1000 volumes, as well as reports, fact sheets and papers issued by research institutions in the U.S.



**Information Resource Center
Library at the U.S. Embassy**

ສູນຂໍ້ມູນ ສະຖານທູດສະຫະລັດອາເມລິກາ ປະຈຳປະເທດລາວ ເປັນໜ່ວຍງານບໍລິການໃນການຕອບຄຳຖາມ ແລະ ສະໜອງຂໍ້ມູນທີ່ທັນສະໄໝ ແລະເຊື່ອຖືໄດ້ກ່ຽວກັບປະເທດ ສະຫະລັດອາເມລິກາເຊັ່ນ ເສດຖະກິດການຄ້າ, ການສຶກສາ ແລະ ວັດທະນະທຳ, ນະໂຍບາຍກັບຕ່າງ ປະເທດ, ການເມືອງ ແລະ ການປົກຄອງ, ລວມທັງເຫດການທີ່ຢູ່ໃນຄວາມສົນໃຈ ລະດັບໂລກເຊັ່ນ ບັນຫາຢາເສບຕິດ, ການປົກປັກຮັກສາສິ່ງແວດລ້ອມ, ສິດທິມະນຸດ, ແລະອື່ນໆອີກ.

ພະນັກງານຂອງສູນຂໍ້ມູນມີຄວາມຊ່ຽວຊານໃນການໃຫ້ບໍລິການ ຢ່າງມີປະສິດທິພາບ ນອກນີ້ສູນຂໍ້ມູນຍັງມີເທັກໂນໂລຢີໃນການຄົ້ນຊອກຫາທີ່ທັນສະໄໝເຊັ່ນອິນເຕີເນັດຄວາມໄວສູງ, ຖານຂໍ້ມູນອອນລາຍ, ຊີດີ ຮອມ, ເປີມ, ແລະ ອື່ນໆ ອີກ.

ສູນຂໍ້ມູນ ເປີດບໍລິການຟຣີ ສະເພາະແກ່ຄົນລາວລວມທັງພາກສ່ວນລັດຖະບານ, ນັກຄົ້ນຄວ້າ, ນັກສຶກສາ, ນັກຂ່າວ, ແລະນັກ ຮຽນ. ຖ້າຫາກຕ້ອງການຂໍ້ມູນກ່ຽວກັບປະເທດສະຫະລັດອາເມລິກາ ທ່ານສາມາດຕິດຕໍ່ໃຊ້ບໍລິການຈາກພວກເຮົາໂດຍທາງໂທລະສັບ, ແຟກ, ຈົດໝາຍ ແລະ ອີ— ເມລ (ຂໍ້ມູນຕິດຕໍ່ກະລຸນາເບິ່ງດ້ານຫລັງ)

Periodicals

The IRC has subscriptions to more than 20 periodicals, magazines, and newspapers on subjects such as:

- Art and Architecture
- Economics and Trade
- Environment, Science, and Technology
- Information Technology
- International Affairs
- American Society and Values

Products and Services

Article Alert

A monthly list of articles from leading American foreign affairs journals and others publications designed to keep IRC users aware of current issues. IRC users can sign up to receive this list of articles every month, and can request the full text of articles of interest by phone, fax, mail, and E-mail.

Home Page: <http://laos.usembassy.gov>

Provides information on Embassy activities, U.S. visa information, education exchange, U.S.- Lao relations, and U.S. policy and issues, and links to official sources of information about the United States and its policies.

Electronic Journal

This publication from the Bureau International Information Program, covers five topics: Economic Perspectives, U.S. Foreign Policy Agenda, U.S. Society & Values, Global Issues, and Issues of Democracy on an irregular, rotating cycle, with a new journal appearing every three weeks; the table of contents of the latest issue can be sent to you upon request by phone, fax, mail, and E-mail.

Washington File

A daily collection of documents concerning U.S. policy issues about the East Asia Pacific region, including texts of speeches by President Bush and other senior officials.

Education Advising Materials

The center contains information on study at American universities and colleges, including courses of study, scholarships, and life in the United States. It also has books and CDs to help prepare for English language exams such as TOEFL, GRE, GMAT, SAT and others.

Internet Access

The Center has computers for quick internet access to search about the United States and issues of international concern.

Group Presentations

For selected professional groups, IRC staff can arrange for a hands-on presentation on IRC resources and services including learning/teaching English.

Reading Room:

In addition to the electronic sources of information, the IRC has a library of books on the United States, its society, and its policies that can be read in the IRC. Some books can be borrowed for a loan period of two weeks. The IRC also has a collection of newspapers and magazines.

Current Interests Services

Recommended websites with annotations covering issues of major interest to both Americans and Laotians.

Research/Reference Services

Information provided upon request about U.S. society and foreign policy via phone, fax, mail, and E-mail. Visits can be arranged by appointment.

Online Resources

The IRC maintains access to the following on-line resources to respond to your information needs:



The official, one-stop access to most U.S. federal, state and local government web sites (<http://www.firstgov.gov>).

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DJI provides full text of current news from the Wall Street Journal, The New York Times, The Washington Post, Los Angeles

Times, The Wall Street Europe and Asian Wall Street Journal, and business sections from 54 papers around the world. It also provides full text of 265 regional newspapers and 175 international publications and papers. Approximately 2800 business and trade publications are included.

FEDERAL NEWS SERVICE:

Federal News Service provides verbatim transcripts of speeches by American leaders, transcripts of presidential statements; briefings at the White House, State, Defense, and Justice Departments, and congressional hearings.



Lexis offers full texts of U.S. federal and state legal and regulatory materials, state court materials, treaties, and legal periodicals, and texts from over 1000 newspapers, wire services, news and business magazines.



Factiva accesses over 8,000 publications in 22 languages, including Dow Jones, Reuters and Associated press newswires, as well as 20,000 company reports.

UMI PROQUEST DIRECT

UMI provides summaries or full text of articles from over 5,000 publications, with many articles available in full text and full image format.